



Into the Word

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

- a) If we followed Paul's words in verse 2, what challenges (or games) in relationships would be overcome?
- b) Why is unity a sign of the gospel and God's call on our lives?
- c) As a group, respond to this statement: *Unity does not happen; it takes effort and intentionality.* Describe the type of effort and intentionality required to promote unity.
- d) Identify something you are prone to do that might threaten unity in the church.

Apply the Word:

- a) Which "game" do you tend to play the most in your relationships?
- b) How does thinking deeply about God's mercy change how you view yourself? And how you view others?
- c) As you look ahead this week, how would putting the "mercy rule" into effect change how you relate to someone in your life?
- d) During the message, Matt talked about how as a church we have an opportunity to practice heroic hospitality in our worship services. He mentioned speaking to people you do not recognize, using the greeting time more effectively, inviting new people to our homes, and lingering longer after the services to speak to people.
Which one(s) will you seek to practice?

Prayer Time:

- Thank God for His mercy.
- *God forgive me for how I sometimes act toward other people. Help me in particular to*
_____.